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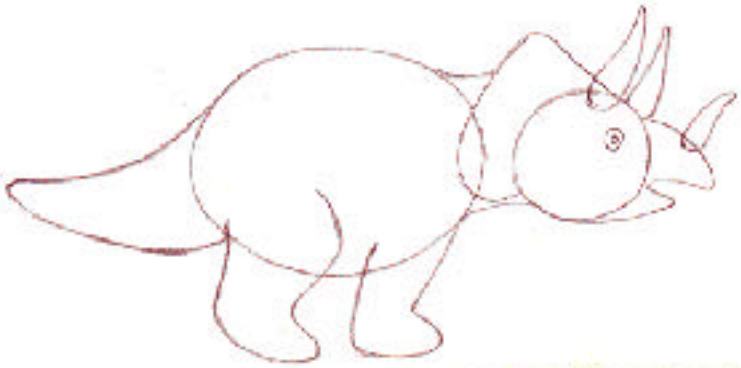

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Before you begin

You will need:

1. a pencil
2. an eraser
3. a pencil sharpener
4. lots of paper (recycle and re-use!)
5. colored pencils
6. a folder for saving work
7. a comfortable place to draw
8. good light

Now let's begin...!

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Important drawing tip number 1:

*** Draw lightly at first, so you can erase extra lines. ***

Important drawing tip number 2:

*** Have fun drawing dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals! ***

Important drawing tip number 3:

*** Practice, practice, practice and you will get better! ***

Circles, Ovals and Eggs

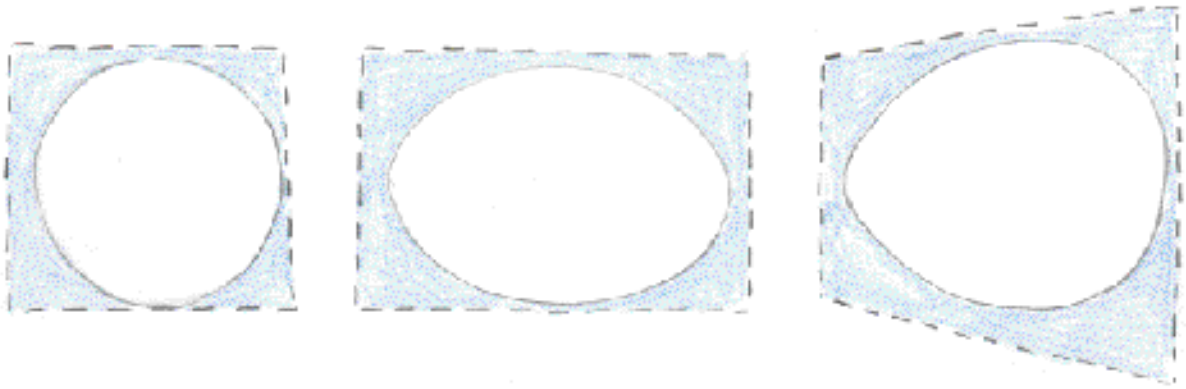
The drawings in this book start with three basic shapes:

circle **oval** **egg**

*A circle is perfectly round.

*An oval is a squashed circle.

*An egg is an oval with one side fatter than the other.



A **circle** fits inside a square.

An **oval** fits inside a rectangle.

An **egg** fits inside a trapezoid.

The more you practice drawing **circles**, **ovals**, and **eggs**, the easier it will be.

Remember:

Draw lightly!

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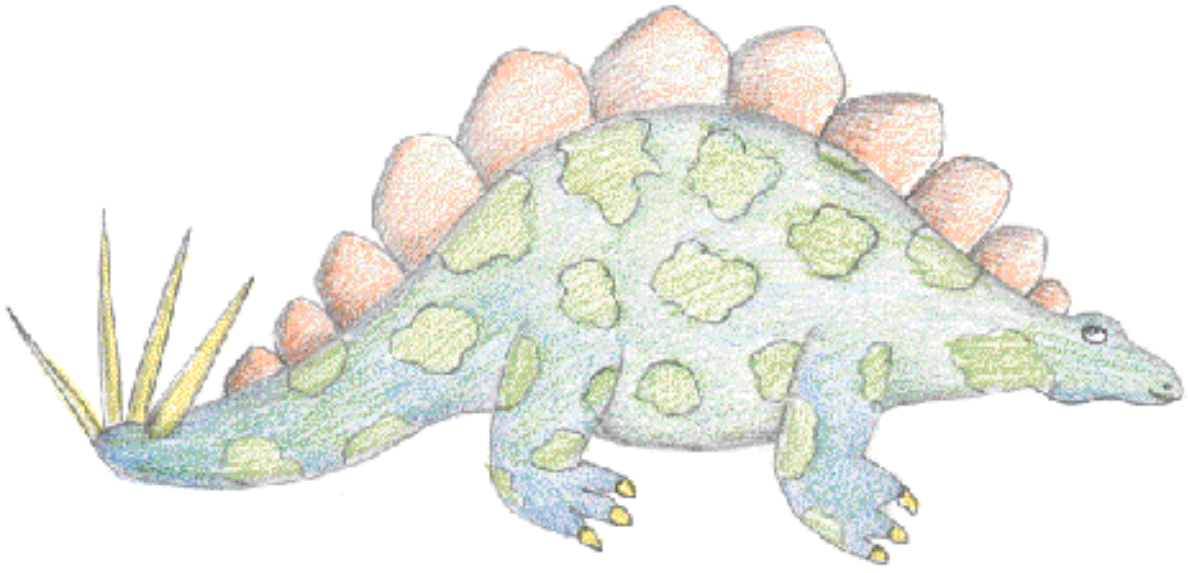
What Color Were the Dinosaurs?

All the animals in this book are extinct. That means they died out long ago. Now we know them only from their bones. People who study these fossil bones are called paleontologists. Paleontologists can tell the appearance of dinosaurs and other animals by the shape of their bones.

We can only guess at their colors and markings. After all, who would know about a zebra's spectacular stripes from looking just at its bones? The reptile, bird and animal worlds have many colorful members.

So, have fun. Make your dinosaurs any color you want. I did!



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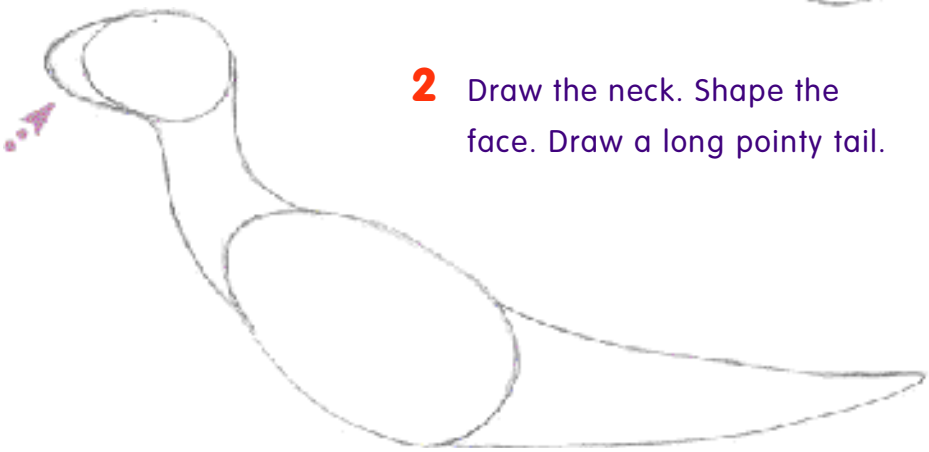
Deinonychus

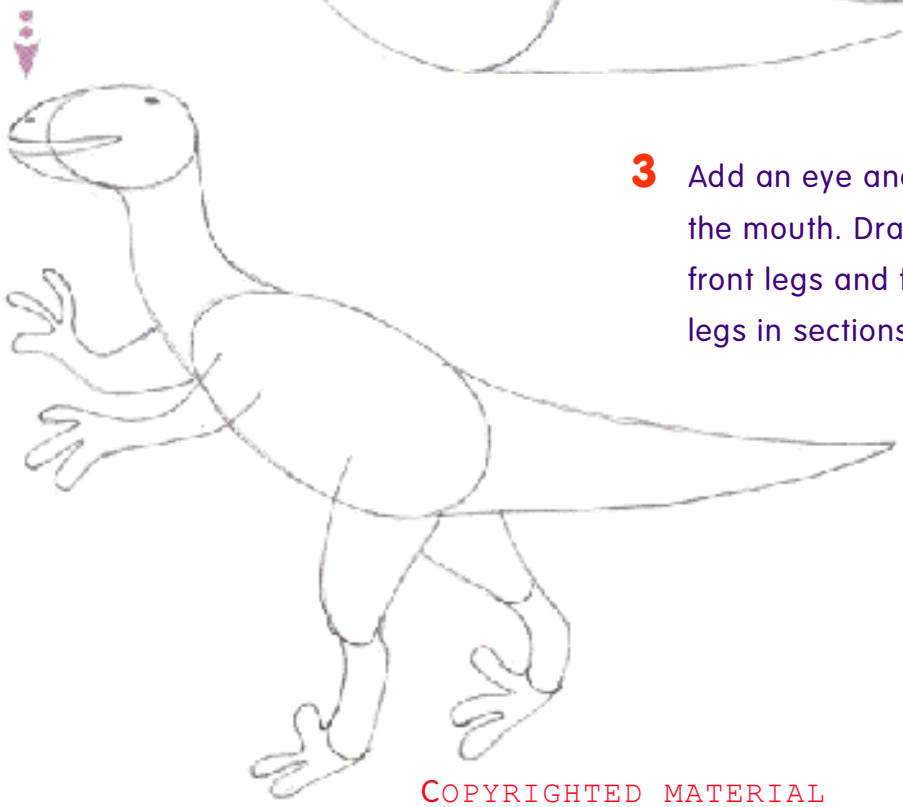
(dye - NON - ik - us)

Deinonychus means "terrible claw." It was small (11 feet long) and fast, and had good eyesight. It was named for the gigantic claw on its rear foot. Deinonychus hunted in packs. Its favorite food was meat.

1 Start with two **eggs**, one larger than the other.



2 Draw the neck. Shape the face. Draw a long pointy tail.



3 Add an eye and nose. Draw the mouth. Draw two front legs and feet. Draw back legs in sections. Add feet.

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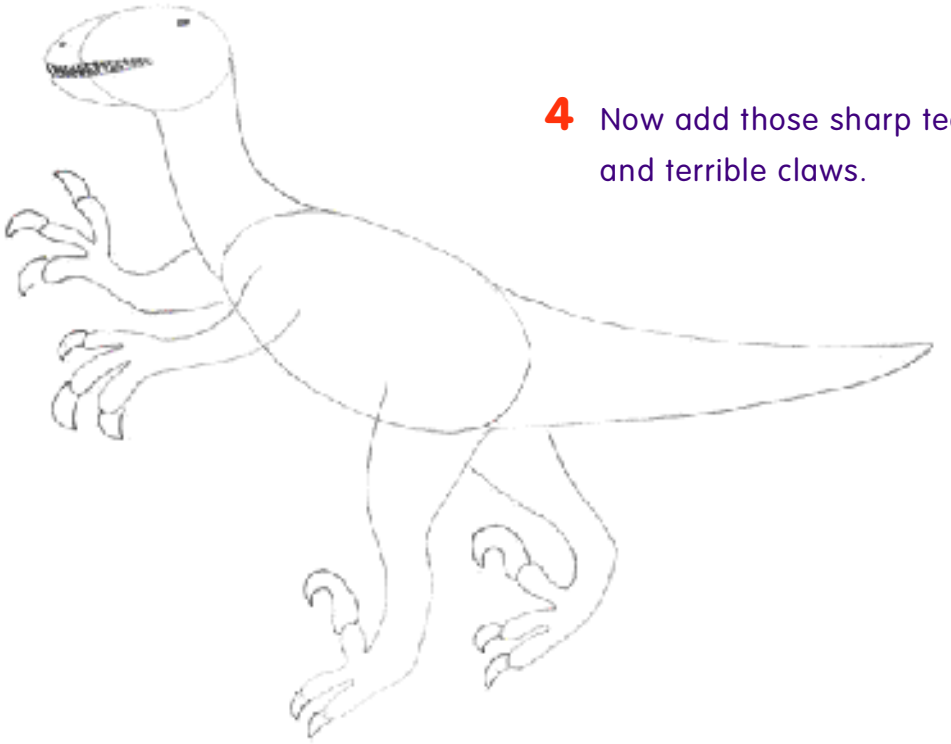
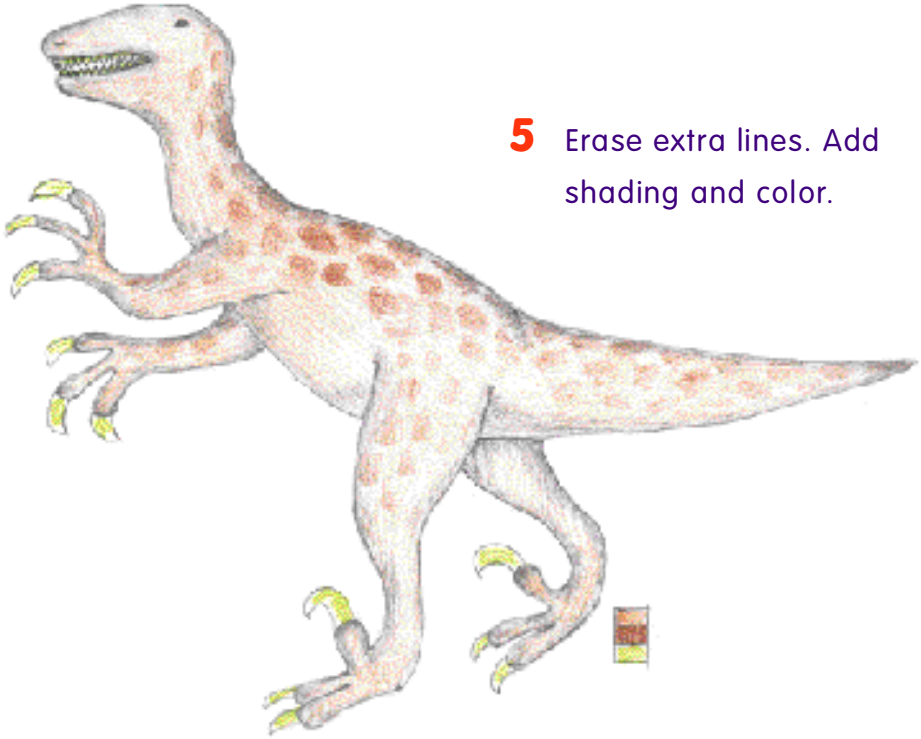
DRAW LIGHTLY!



4 Now add those sharp teeth and terrible claws.



5 Erase extra lines. Add shading and color.

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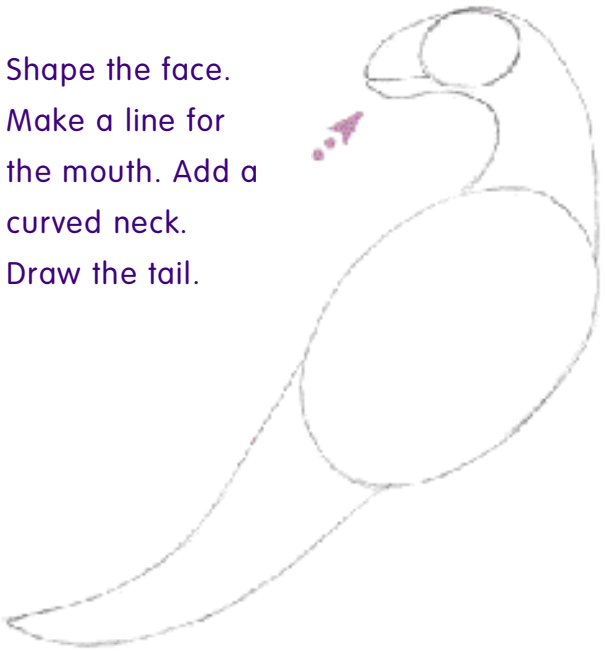
Iguanodon

(ee - GWAN - oh - don)

Iguanodon means "iguana tooth." One of the first fossils ever found, it was thought the tooth looked like that of the modern iguana. Big as an elephant and equipped with thumb spikes, Iguanodon was a forest-dwelling plant eater.

1 Start with a **circle** and an **egg**.

2 Shape the face. Make a line for the mouth. Add a curved neck. Draw the tail.



3 Add an eye and a nostril. Draw a front leg and rear leg.

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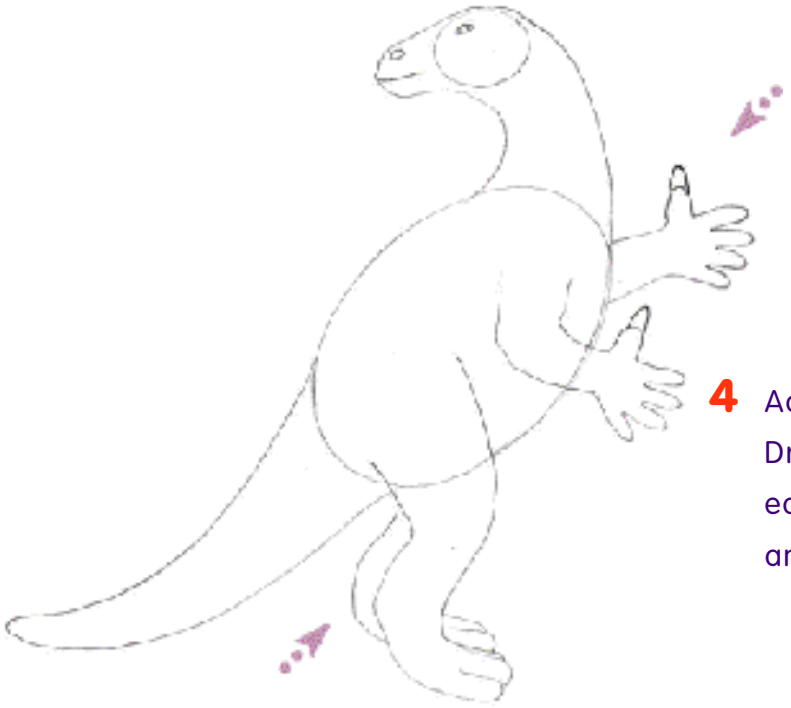
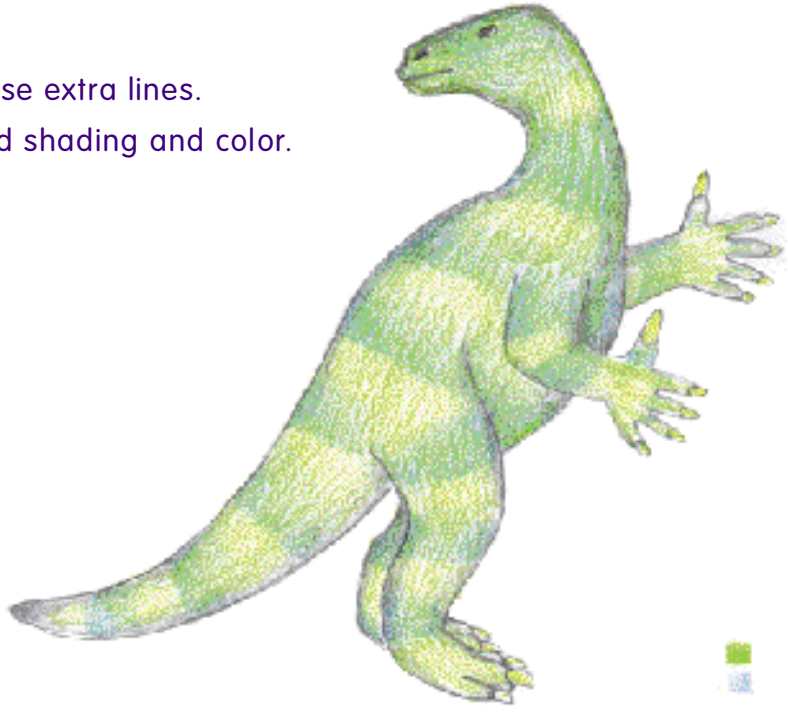


4 Add another front leg. Draw thumb spikes on each front leg. Draw another back leg.

5 Erase extra lines. Add shading and color.



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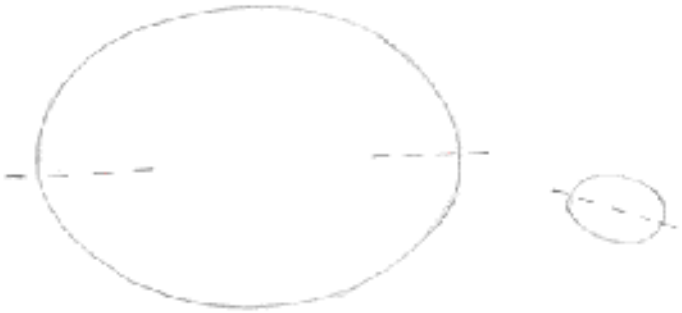
Stegosaurus

(STEG - oh - SORE - us)

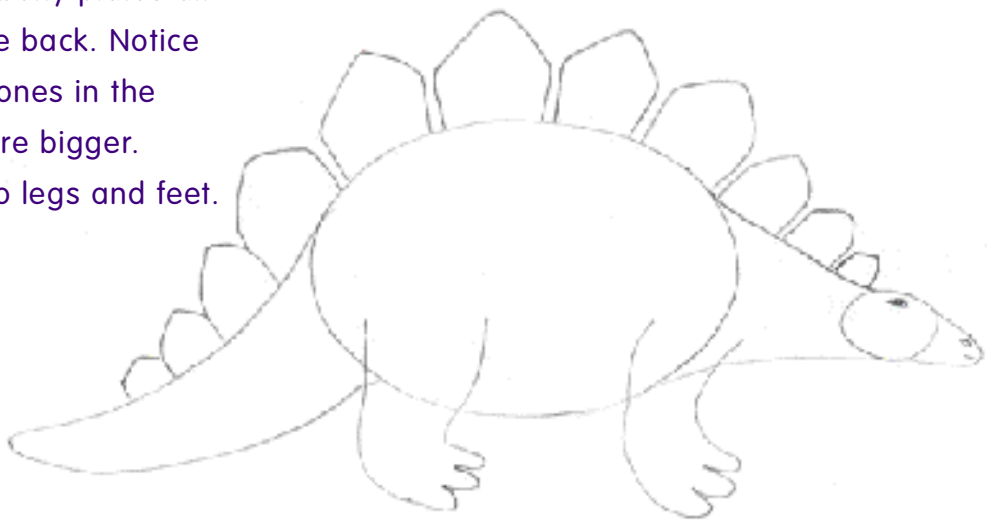
Tiny-brained Stegosaurus was 25 feet long, 11 1/2 feet high and weighed 2 tons. A plant eater, the bony plates and tail spikes were probably for protection.

1 Start with a large **oval** and a small **oval**. Notice the angle of the ovals.



2 Draw a curving tail. Shape the face and add an eye and nostril.

3 Add the bony plates all along the back. Notice that the ones in the middle are bigger. Draw two legs and feet.



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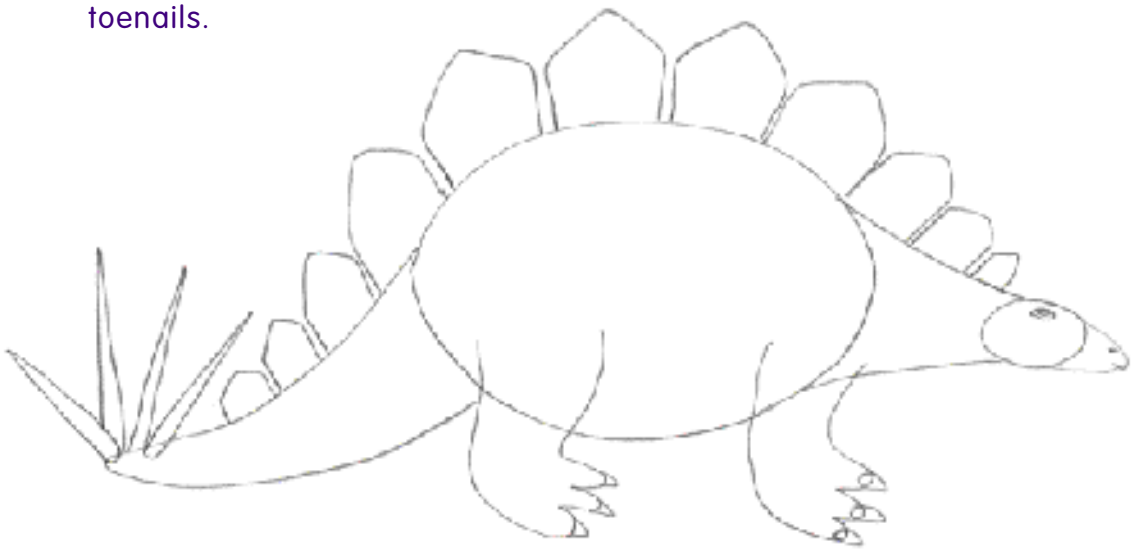
HAVE FUN!

4 Draw tail spikes. Add toenails.



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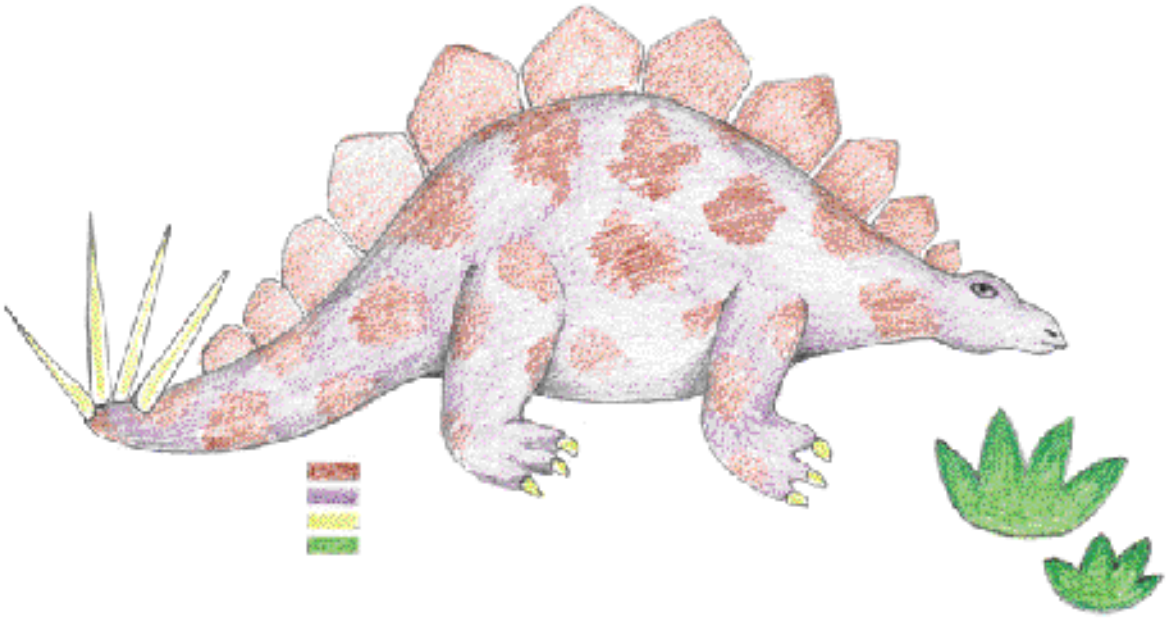

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Tyrannosaurus

(ty - RAN - oh -SORE -us)

One of the best-known dinosaurs, this meat-eating terror had 6" long razor-sharp teeth and stood 40 feet tall. Some scientists believe that Tyrannosaurus was not a hunter but a scavenger who ate prey already dead.

1 Start with a medium-sized **egg** and a large **oval**.

2 Add a mouth, nostril, and eye. Draw a curved neck. Add two front limbs. Draw four "U" shapes for the back legs.

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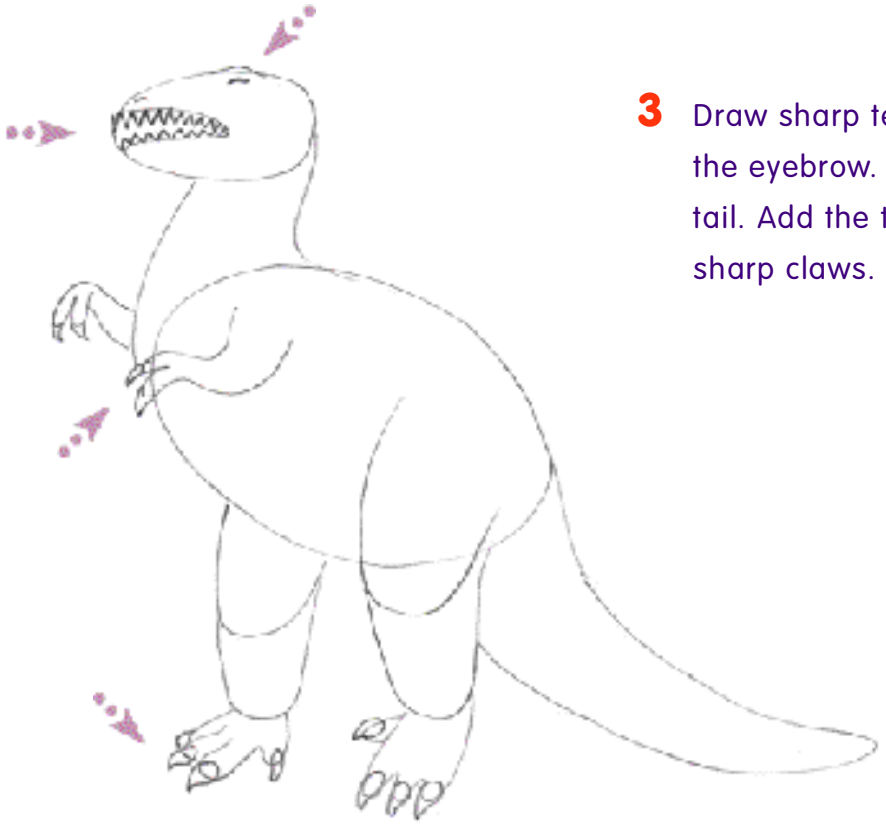
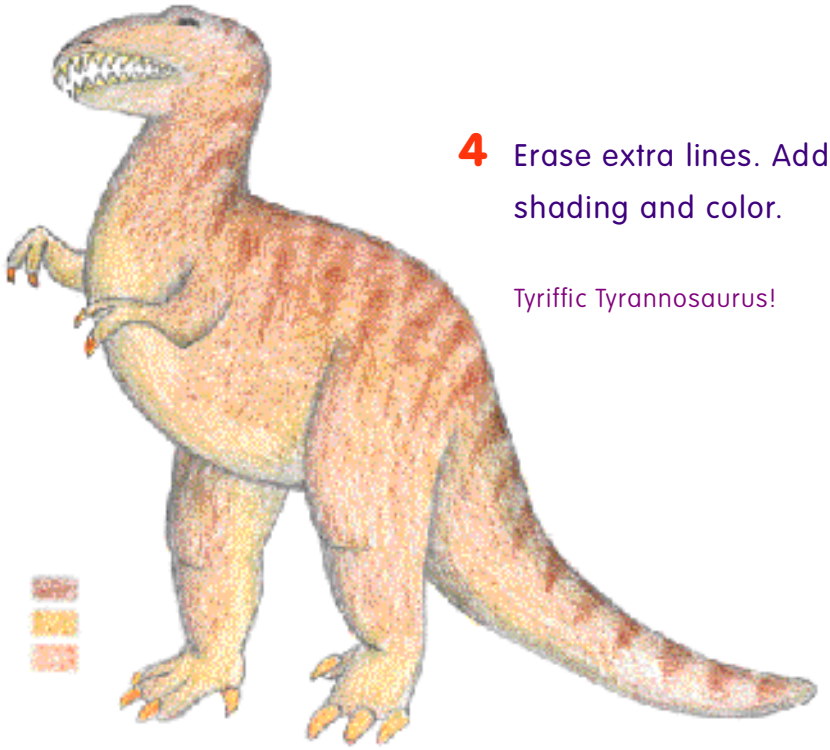


3 Draw sharp teeth, and add the eyebrow. Draw the long tail. Add the two feet and sharp claws.



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Tyriffic Tyrannosaurus!

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